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1. Seven reports on observations of airfields, aircraft, radar, and military installations 25X1
2. The following is a general description of the contents of each report: 25X1
  - a. General information on airfields at Rostov, Zhdanov, Voronezh, and near Moscow; brief data on the runways, hangars, beacons, radar, and aircraft observed. All aircraft observed were conventional types.
  - b. General information on Kherson airfield, including brief runway data and information on radar. About 30 MIG-type aircraft were observed.
  - c. General information  two airfields, possibly Stalingrad/Southwest Airfield and Stalingrad/Gumrak Airfield. Information includes runway data, radar observed, and observations of several MIG-type aircraft and conventional aircraft. 25X1
  - d.  25X1
  - e. General observations on an airfield about 10 miles north of Odessa, including brief data on runway surfaces, hangars, and observations of practice parachute jumps from a balloon.
  - f. General observations of a military installation near Odessa, and  barracks, hangars, and radar which were observed. 25X1
  - g. General information on a military installation and AA weapons observed near Zhdanov. 25X1

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Soviet Airfields Noted at  
Rostov-on-Don, Zhdanov, near  
Moscow on the road to Leningrad  
and near Voronezh, USSR

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1. Airfield at Rostov-on-Don

Location: North-east of city about 12 kilometres from the river.

Direction: Approximately North-South

Ground installation: uneven surface

One runway in cement hexagonals, direction NE-SW, 1800 metres long, 40-50 metres wide.

One grass runway parallel to cement runway; length undetermined.

Night beacons.

One radar truck at southwest end of cement runway.

A terminal building located in southeast area of the terrain.

Three hangars located in southeast area of terrain.

Taxi strip connecting cement runway with the terminal building.

Traffic: About a dozen DC-3's and Ilyushins and trainer bi-planes and sesiplanes (sesiplanes); the training planes utilize the grass runway.

2. Airfield at Zhdanov.

Location: five kilometres west-northwest of the city.

Ground installations: one grass runway running North to South; about 1000 to 1200 metres; about 30 to 40 metres wide.

One small air terminal.

No night beacons nor radar.

Traffic: No planes observed on the ground.

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3. Twenty-five kilometres from Moscow and two kilometres north of Port Nord (sic) on the Moscow-Leningrad road, is an airdrome consisting of hangars. During the period of observation, several airplanes and a radar truck were noted at the extreme northern end of the airdrome and approximately one kilometre from the road. A DC-3 and a helicopter were noted in flight.

4. About twelve kilometres to the northwest (approximately) of Voronezh,  hard-surfaced runway with taxi strips.

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Soviet Airfield near Kherson,  
USSR

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Kherson Airfield

Location: 5-6 kilometres northeast of the center of the city of Kherson

Orientation: East-West

Ground installations: one grass runway, 1500 metres long and 30-40 metres wide.  
One runway of hexagonal pierced steel mats; 1800 metres long and 30-40 metres wide.  
The two above-mentioned runways are parallel and about 50 metres apart.  
One small air-terminal located about 500 metres from the western ends of the runways.  
No hangars nor gasoline storage tanks visible.  
One radar truck and a fixed antenna.

Traffic: Thirty MIG's models 15 or 17, the majority of them perpetualin-covered.  
One propeller-driven pursuit plane.  
Ten two-seater training planes; some tri-planes and light transport ships.

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**Soviet Air Fields in Region of  
Stalingrad, USSR**

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**1. Civilian airdrome.**

**Location:** About fifteen kilometres west of city of Stalingrad.

**Orientation:** Approximately Northwest-Southwest.

**Ground Installations:** One cement runway running northeast-southwest, 1500 to 1800 metres in length with a grass extension of about 500 metres at the southern end. Forty-fifty metres in width.

One hard-surfaced taxiway joining the runway to the air-terminal which is situated in the western part of the air-field.

One hard-surfaced apron in front of the terminal.

One radar truck (similar to that noted in source's report on air-field at Kherson) parked between the terminal and the runway.

Night beacon lights.

**Traffic:** A few DC-3's and Ilyushins noted.

**2. Possible Military airfields:**

a. [redacted] two MIG's preparing to land on an airfield [redacted].

The plane was descending [redacted]

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b. an airfield is situated near the city of Stalingrad in a location approximately north of the Stalingrad railway station. [redacted]

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Soviet Air Installations Near  
Odessa, USSR

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1. Tamosha Air Field

Location: fifteen kilometres from the center of the city of Odessa.

Area: about 1200 metres from side view.

Ground Installation: one grass runway 1200 metres long, 40-50 metres wide outlined with triangular markings. Runway oriented approximately East-West; very small air terminal; no hangar nor gasoline storage tanks, nor radar visible.

Traffic: used by Aeroflot planes.

2. About five kilometres from the Tamosha airfield is a hard-surfaced runway which could not be located precisely but is probably south-southwest of Odessa.

3. Approximately north of Odessa and about five minutes flight from the Tamosha air field there is an aviation hangar located on the edge of one of the many lakes in the region. The walls and roof of the hangar are of concrete and the doors sliding metal. The hangar has an apron which leads into the water's edge at a slight angle of decline.

4. Three or four kilometres north of the beach situated eight kilometres north-east of the city of Odessa, [redacted] parachutists jumping from a sausage-shaped balloon.

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**Soviet Military Installation  
near Odessa, USSR**

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1. On a hill (the only one in the area) situated near the edge of the sea between the Odessa Naval Yard and the beach which is located several kilometres east of the city. [redacted] a military installation which might be a radar station [redacted] two units were observed. The first consisting of a truck supporting an inclined element and close by, two small houses or tents. The second resembled the first in appearance but was difficult to observe because of distance. [redacted] 25X1
2. [redacted] the Odessa roadstead is swept by a projector which seems to be installed on the hill between the naval yard and the beach. 25X1
3. A cement hangar with sliding metal doors is located near the edge of the sea and south-east of the above-mentioned hill. The hangar doors face the hill. [redacted] 25X1

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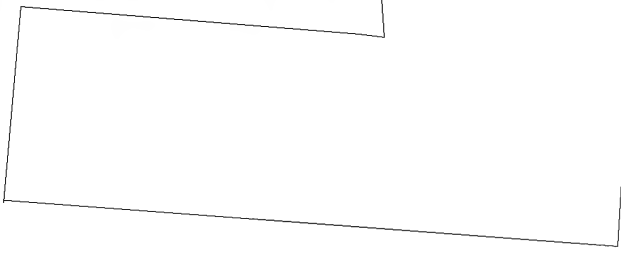
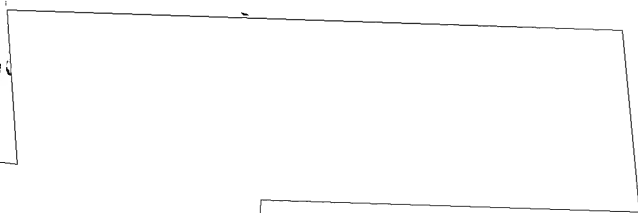
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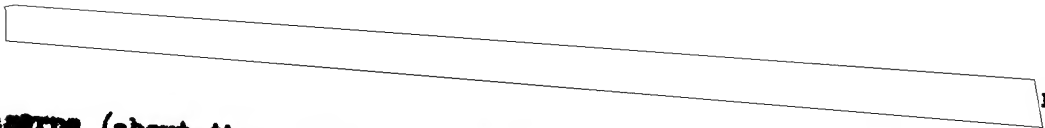
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**Soviet Anti-aircraft Defense  
Installation Near Zhdanov,  
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noted  
a caserne (about three kilometres south of the airdrome) the courtyard of  
which contained twelve anti-aircraft defense units (long tube).

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